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I am vaguely familiar with the politics behind the controversy in this situation, and I would have to say they are irrational motives. To prevent satellite radio (especially XM) from providing local information such as traffic and weather is unacceptable.

XM provides a unique service, that being a wide variety of music choices. Terrestrial radio stations have chosen to offer homogenous, bland, soul-less programming in order to appeal to the most people and make the most profits. Why punish XM and other satellite radio companies for breaking the mold and taking bold and daring risks to provide our country with a new, exciting, and appealing service?

In my opinion, if the NAB fears losing money to satellite radio because of revenue from local advertising on their "traffic and weather" channels, perhaps they should consider change. Competition makes the world go round and in the end makes the products and services us consumers purchase that much better.

Please do not bow to the desires of the NAB!